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THE WATCH NIGHT.

We gwine ter have a watch night, wid experience an all.
Ter tell erbout our doin's f'um de springtime ter de fall.
En I sorter feelin skeery, en I in a shaky way,
Kaze, ter tell de livin gospel, I des dunno what I'll say!

I don't lak' New Year meefin's, w'en de preacher make you rise;
I rather read in private all my titles ter de skies!
Dey starts me on ter talkin 'bout my Christian hope, en den
I sees de folks what knows me, en dey never says, "Amen!"

Same t'ing wid all de brotherin, I knows 'um, lef' en right,
En w'en dey go ter talkin, don't dey shet dey eye up tight?
Dey can't see nuttin roun' 'um while dey spoutin by de yard;
Dey knows I lookin at 'um, en I t'inkin mighty hard!

But we gwine ter have de watch night (I wish he come en gone)
Ter sen' de ole year whirlin en he'p de new year on.
I ain't in favor er it; I never t'ink it's wise;
I rather read in private all my titles ter de skies!

LOST IN THE PINE WOODS.

CLEM—her name was Clemence—buttoned up her jacket, pulled its high fur collar up around her throat and struck off into the pine woods in pursuit of holly berries, for it was the day before New Year's.

Clem was a joyous young girl, very pretty and very light hearted, the only inmate of a white cottage on the outskirts of the village besides Dr. Randolph, her father, and old Nance, their housekeeper, her former nurse.

Being 17 and unacquainted with the world's gayeties beyond an occasional simple gathering and an evening at the theater or opera when on a short visit to relatives in New Orleans, Clem's pleasures consisted in much reading, unlimited rambles through the woods and down the country roads and much practice on her violin.

For an invalid violinist of talent and reputation had sought refuge in that balmy pine region to rebuild health, broken and shattered by too continuous and arduous work and, being Dr. Randolph's patient, had become Clem's teacher, with pleasure and profit to both.

Professor Andrade, a first graduate from the Berlin conservatory, declared Clem had great natural musical gifts, and Clem never tired of her violin.

The weather had been unprecedentedly cold all through November, and in the early part of December a flurry of snow had fallen, making the woods beautiful as it capped the green boughs and spread a white carpet over the mosses and thick bed of fallen pine needles underfoot.

This New Year's eve the air was cold, still and biting, and when, in the afternoon, Dr. Randolph started off in his buggy to visit an old bedridden Acadian woman ten miles away Nance put an extra overcoat on the cushions and hot bricks wrapped in carpeting to keep his feet warm, and Clem slipped a flask in his pocket as she kissed him goodby, standing on the steps between the wheels to do so.

"Now, don't stay late. Be sure you come back before the train comes in, for you know Ned is coming tonight," she warned.

"We have partridges for supper, remember," she called out as Dumps, the doctor's cob, started out at a pace that meant business.

Nodding backward gayly the doctor swept down the street and disappeared around a curve.

"I wonder what that silly, tiresome boy Ned has grown to be?" said Clem aloud to herself as she inspected the supper table, already daintily set with old silver and cut glass.

In the center a huge bunch of narcissuses and hyacinths was placed, for the doctor was somewhat of a gourmet, and his life abroad and in big cities

"OH, DIEU DE BONTE!" EXCLAIMED CLEM.

having left its mark upon him his was a choice aestheticism with an insistence for tasteful and ornamental surroundings, so that their table was always rarely well appointed.

The absence of decoration struck Clem as she gave a few touches to the celery, olives and wintergreen.

Donning a warm suit and a fur lined jacket without telling Nance of her intention, she started off toward a spot she knew some miles away, where along the high bank of a shallow, riotous stream grew trees of holly in luxuriant perfection.

"I wonder what he has developed into? He used to be a detestable and hateful boy," mused Clem, reverting back mentally to the expected arrival by the evening train of Edward Singleton, whose property, until he became of age, had been looked after by the doctor, according to the will of his old time friend, Ned's father.

"Eight years! That's a long time," mused Clem.

"Well, I hope his travels have improved him, for his college days were bad enough."

"Heigh ho! I wish he would stay away and not tumble down on us to spoil our delightful New Year's. I never could stand him."

Clem recalled what a villainous tease Ned had been when on his visit to them during vacation.

"He was a tease, but he was a handsome boy," she concluded.

Then casting Ned out of her thoughts, she stopped to gather a great armful of the glorious holly.

The distance was greater than Clem had supposed, and the afternoon had darkened considerably when her flaming branches of berries were tied with a wisp of gray moss and she turned to go home.

Skirting the edge of the "Branch," as those streamlets which cut through the pine forests are called, she came to a sudden halt.

From which side had she come? And how rapidly twilight drops into night these short December days!

Of course she passed that big elm and those pines, and—

Clem was bewildered and had to confess most reluctantly that she did not know whether she came by the right or by the left.

Her heart gave a flutter as the word "lost" ran through her mind, but she had lived all her short life more or less in the woods, so beyond a slight tremor Clem was not frightened.

What added to Clem's bewilderment was the light snowfall, which covered up all paths and made everything unfamiliar.

But for that Clem might have realized where she was going and not deflected away, as she did toward a stretch of heavily timbered swamp land totally unfamiliar. Night was drawing on with cruel rapidity, and the forest shades were deepening into black patches and somber vistas, while above, as Clem looked up, she could see a few stars beginning to glimmer.

Suddenly she remembered with terror that she had left the house without seeing dear old Nance or telling her anything about her proposed quest after holly berries.

The wind was rising, and—well, night and darkness had come. Clem was lost in the heart of the woods. Clem went steadily forward, knowing that if she stopped she would be a thousand times more frightened.

At last Clem's steps faltered. Staggering, she sat down exhausted at the foot of a tall pine, in whose branches the night breezes were playing as on an Æolian harp. "Oh, Dieu de bonte!" exclaimed Clem, lapsing into French, her mother's tongue, as she often did under excitement or when in distress. But her French blood soon asserted itself, and, rousing, she peered around in the darkness which enveloped all things. What was that dark object a little way off? Clem got up and began a cautious approach.

Her heart gave a bound of pleasure on recognizing an abandoned coal burner's hut.

The door, as she pushed it open, though sagged, still held on its hinges, and, feeling around, Clem found a piece of candle sticking to a board and some scattered matches.

Clem's heart was beating furiously. Suppose they were too old to light?

But the one she scratched sputtered and lit, as did her candle, and Clem found herself in a hut begrimed with smoke, bare, but clean, in which were a rude bench, a table and a heap of dried pine needles in the corner.

Clem sank down with an exclamation of hysterical gladness. Placing her bunch of berries on the table, Clem closed the door and drew the bench against it, while the wooden shutter of the window was held fast by its rude fastening.

Throwing herself on the soft mat of pine needles, Clem sent a prayer heavenward whose anguished intensity she, being 17 years, had never imagined.

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There were various vexatious delays. The evening train on which Edward Singleton was leisurely smoking was run at increased speed to make up for lost time.

Suddenly there were a crash, shouts, cries and a terrific commotion, an awful bumping, a hissing and roaring noise, a shattering of glass and direful shrieks, and the coach, toppling half way over, stood still.

Tearing his way out, Ned realized what the accident was.

Running over a terrified cow, the engine was derailed. It had torn its way through an adjoining field, where it finally stood, panting and hissing, while two coaches were wrecked, and the one in which Ned had been was overturned and ditched.

Of the crew and passengers no one was killed, but it was ascertained that there were contusions innumerable, while night had already come.

Ned was a good walker, and the prospect did not appall him specially.

He would get to Dr. Randolph's late; but, it being New Year's eve, no one would be in bed before 12, an excellent hour for supper.

Ned remembered with pleasure the epicurean tastes of the doctor.

A short cut! At the crossroads! Straight across country! Excellent!

Ned buttoned his overcoat, lit a cigar, took his handbag and, bidding adieu to the wrecked train and lamenting passengers, struck out for the village by cutting through the woods and following the old military road.

To Edward Singleton's utter astonishment, after an hour's brisk walk he realized that not only had he lost the government road, but that he was in the trackless forest, with nothing to guide or direct him out of it. Ned stopped, laughed grimly and cursed himself for an unmitigated fool in attempting the proverbially misleading short cut. It was too cold to stand there, so he went rapidly forward.

"There must be some sort of habitation between here and the Atlantic," said Ned after a long and silent tramp.

As if in answer, a faint glimmer greeted him from afar. With lightened spirits he strode on and, approaching, found it to be a streak of gleam coming through a disjointed door or hut. Rapping sharply, he asked who was within.

A dead silence answered him. Calling again, with an imperious rattle, he proclaimed his pacific intentions, his desire for information or a night's lodging, supplemented by a hint of reward, but with no better success. Supposing the hut deserted, Ned gave the door a wrench and, throwing it open, stood dumfounded at the spectacle within.

A young and lovely girl, richly dressed, ghastly with fear, stood by a rude table on which lay a heap of crimson holly berries, while a candle burned beside them.

Clem and Ned gazed at each other.

"I—a—beg—your—pardon!" was all Ned could manage to say under the spur of the dilemma.

Clem's inheritance of pluck and of merriment under the direst conditions came to the fore, and, the peculiarity

CLEM AND NED GAZED AT EACH OTHER.

of the situation striking her with a keen forcefulness, a flood of color rushed to her face and a half smile brought out its bewildering beauty.

"Please come in," she said, with a simple directness.

"I got lost in the woods and stumbled accidentally on this hut, I am glad to say."

"I am lost also," explained Ned, putting down his handbag. "I attempted a short cut through the woods, and here I am."

They laughed, and Clem's terrors vanished like mists before the rising sun.

"Allow me to introduce myself," said Ned, sitting on the bench, while Clem sat on the pine needles, after they had run over their mishaps.

"You need not," said Clem. "You are Ned, and I am Clem."

"You are Clem?" repeated Singleton in blank astonishment.

"Why shouldn't I be?" asked Clem, nettled.

"Because you—are—so"—

"Well?" said Clem, with a simple composure.

"I will tell you tomorrow," Ned said hastily.

"In the meantime how are we to get home?" asked Clem distressfully, a remembrance of her father's anguish coming to her.

Ned bit his lip, for it was certainly more than he could say. To plunge back into the forest would be an act of sheer folly, and to wait there with Clem was equally impossible.

"You are tired," he said at last, gently, but firmly. "You must lie down on those pine leaves and let me cover you with my overcoat. I'll build a fire outside and watch until Dr. Randolph comes, for of course he will search through the woods for you."

Nor would he be gainsaid. Clem was forced to admit, now that her fears were allayed, that she was mortally tired and spent. Sinking on the soft balsamic leaves and covered with Ned's overcoat, which he wrapped around her with a masterful obstinacy, unheeding her remonstrances, Clem soon fell into a profound sleep, while Ned paced back and forth outside, smoking and replenishing the fire he had lit. It was its glare, a long distance off, which guided Dr. Randolph to the hut some two hours later.

"God in heaven!" he exclaimed when, shaking him violently by the hand, Ned led him to the door and showed him Clem, sleeping tranquilly, with her great bunch of holly berries by her.

It was only a five mile drive back to Dr. Randolph's house. Nance greeted them with an explosion of tears, joy and reproaches.

"Come, come," said the doctor, uncorking a bottle, while Clem, gayly chatting, was covering the table with holly and corunna berries.

"Here's to you, Edward Singleton, for saving Clem's life!"

"Here's to you for bringing me and my holly berries home!" said Clem, while the hot snipe were being put on the table.

"Here's to a glorious New Year's," said Ned, "and to my life's happiness!"
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

New Year's Resolutions.

For three or four days after the new year has dawned there is a sound of crashing and smashing in the atmosphere. It is the world breaking its good resolutions. All the little domestic ones fall one by one. Nellie was never to resent the little hourly corrections; Willie was to stop teasing; mother was to stop worrying. All these have been disregarded. Nellie is as touchy as ever; Willie is a worse tease than ever; mother's brow looks like a cornfield; the old heathen ways are working again.—Chicago Times-Herald.

NEW YEAR'S FOLKLORE.

CUSTOMS PREVALENT IN OTHER DAYS.

HEARTY expressions of good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year are the greeting for this season. But, if we may credit our English forbears, we may for ourselves forecast the general aspect of the next 12 months, says the Detroit News-Tribune. It is pleasant to be foolish sometimes, and a few minutes with the folklore and ancient customs of our ancestors cannot be time ill spent.

From a valuable manuscript in the library of Trinity college, Cambridge, we learn that if the New Year commences on a Sunday

The winter shall be good, I say,
But great winds aloft shall be;
The summer shall be fine and dry;
By kind skill and without loss
Through all lands there shall be peace;
Good time for all things to be done,
But he that stealeth shall be found soon.
What child that day born may be
A great lord he shall live to be.

And again, with regard to the weather, note carefully the atmospheric conditions of the first 12 days of the year. They will give you an unfailing indication of what weather to expect during the coming 12 months.

You are strongly advised never to lend anything on New Year's day, or you are sure to be unlucky the whole year through. Don't pay anything, either, for it is said

Pay away money on New Year's day.
And all the year through you'll have money to pay!

But by far the most general superstition is that of the "first foot," it being everywhere acknowledged that the fortune of a house entirely depends on the appearance and the sex of the first person crossing the threshold after the midnight hour has passed. It is hard to see what Judas Iscariot has to do with Christmas, but tradition asserts that Judas, in addition to his sins, was possessed of a monstrous crop of hair. Therefore no redheaded person or even one of fair complexion must place "first foot" in a house on this momentous morning. The question of complexion, however, is not altogether a settled one. In many places it is a fair and not a dark man who should place "first foot."

This harbinger of fortune must eat and drink when in the house and should, to make the charm most complete, enter by the front door, visit every room, carrying a piece of holly in his hand, and make his exit by the rear.

If the question of complexion is unsettled, that of sex is decidedly not. No female under any circumstances must be the first to enter a house on New Year's morning.

The Tables Turned.

"We air here tonight," said the deacon, "to make good resolutions fer the new year, which has fell foul of us in the twinklin of a eye. Now, I want to start the ball a-rollin. You all know that I've got a high temper, an I've did considerable fightin in the year that's past an gone like a man that owes you $10. What I want to do is to swear off from fightin in the new year, which, as I have said before, has fell foul of us. But I can't stop till I lick Brother Jones, cos it's in me to lick him, an I wants to ease my conscience. Ef he'll jest step outside with me fer five minutes, I'll lick him an then swear off for good."

They retired to the outer darkness, but in less than five minutes the deacon returned, much the worse for wear.

"I can't swear off this time, brother in," he said. "He licked me!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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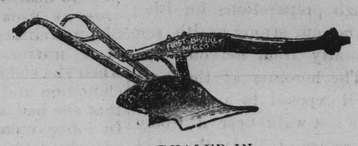

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SONOMA, DECEMBER 29, 1900.

H. H. GRANICE - - - - - - - - - - - - EDITOR

THE contest over the estate of the late banker Wickersham continues to drag its slow length along in the Superior Court of this county. This suit will make good pickings for the lawyers. In a matter of this kind it were much better to be a lawyer in the case than one of the heirs to the controversy. It is a case of "heads I win, tails you lose" for the attorney.

A GEORGIA editor gave a subscriber who kept his subscription paid up the following send-off when he died: "Poor Jim Brown slung his earthly garments on a limb and swam the river yesterday. He didn't stand back because the weather was cold, but plunged right in, and rose smiling, and struck out for the other shore, where the angels were waiting for him, with a finer suit than he ever saw in his life. Jim was a poor man, but he had his subscription to his home paper paid up, and he got there in great shape."—Ex.

THE verdict of the San Rafael jury in the Baron Von Schroder libel suit against the *Call* for $250,000 damages was a great victory for journalism and a stinging rebuke to Von Schroder and others of his ilk. The testimony showed up the Baron in his true colors, and from now on society will place a ban on the titled *roue* that will cause him to be shunned by every man and woman having the least regard for the company they keep. Von Schroder has learned when it was too late that wealth and a title could not shield him from the wrath of outraged society.

A MARRIED man of Windsor requested his wife a few nights ago to mend a pair of his drawers. When he got up in the morning and discovered that the garment had not been mended he revenged himself on his better half by seizing a hammer and smashing a marble top table into atoms. The Windsor *Herald*, which publishes the item, does not give the name of the man, and very properly, too, as it is not the province of the newspaper to meddle into family affairs. But for all that, the unruly brute must have felt very small indeed when he saw in print what a tool he had made of himself.

"WE are twentieth century women at last, with the dower of privilege and responsibility which enriches women in this wonderful era, and I have no hesitation in declaring that we are more fortunate than any of our predecessors," writes Margaret E. Sangster, in the January *Ladies' Home Journal*. "Our grandmothers and great-grandmothers were handicapped in their girlhood by a thousand prejudices and cast-iron traditional rules, from which we are emancipated. They had neither our wide field of activity nor our possibility of thorough preparations for life; they had not our strong health nor our immunity from nervous irritation. The heroines of the past took cold if exposed to a shower; they could not walk over a frosty meadow because of their thin kid shoes, and came into the house muddy and bedraggled after a morning's tramp, which we would take without the slightest inconvenience in our short skirts and thick boots."

"Keeping Cows for Profit."

"Keeping Cows For Profit" is the well chosen title of the newest work on practical dairying to come under our notice. We understand that a large issue of this little publication is being gratuitously circulated with the compliments of The De Laval Separator Co., 74 Cortlandt St., New York, which concern offers to send a copy to every reader of the INDEX-TRIBUNE upon request.

The book treats of dairying as a manufacturing business and discusses its problems from the standpoint that every dairy farmer is just as much a business man as though engaged in any other manufacturing or commercial undertaking. It is compiled in a terse, practical manner, is easily readable, and can hardly fail to be interesting and instructive to every one in any way concerned in dairying.

WHEN Balfe, the composer of the "Bohemian Girl," worked "The Heart Bowed Down" into his musical score he probably never dreamed that innocent little ballad would win an old man's heart and cost him $25,000. This is what it did, however, in the case of seventy-four-year-old Joseph Boardman, the Oakland millionaire, who was recently sued for breach of promise by Mrs. Elizabeth Gladstone of sixty-two summers. The lady of tender years declares that the song is what did the work. The pensive melody filled the breast of the septuagenarian lover with rapturous thrills, brought him to his knees and caused him to make very rash promises. Now he's sorry that he spoke but he's got to "pungle up" just the same.

THE prominent educators of the State have been in session this week in San Francisco. Many interesting topics have been under discussion and the meeting in many ways has been one of the most profitable held for many years.

The Rebekas.

The Rebekahs entertained about fifty guests at Odd Fellow's Hall, Thursday evening. J. B. Small, Miss Rena Small, Miss Ruth Poppe and Mrs. Pierce assisted in a pleasing programme, after which there were games, refreshments and dancing. In the games Mrs. Johannsen, Miss Mabel Thomas, and Harry Knight were prize winners. The evening was altogether a great success and the Rebekahs are to be complimented on their generous hospitality.

COUNTY NEWS ITEMS.

The prisoners in the Sonoma County Jail were served with turkey Christmas.

Oscar Murphy, an old and prominent citizen of Sebastopol, dropped dead in the Congregational Church of that place Sunday evening. He was a Grand Army man and aged 70 years.

Two hundred head of cows belonging to the Hinshaw estate were sold at public auction in Petaluma Saturday. They brought on an average $52.02½ per head and were purchased by Wm. Evarts. This is the highest price paid for dairy cows in Sonoma county in many a year.

The total value of church property in this county is $77,965, classified as follows: Catholic, $14.750; Methodist Episcopal, $12,300; Presbyterian $9,380; Methodist Episcopal South, $8,298; Congregational $7,470; Adventist, $5.420; Protestant Episcopal, $5,100; Babtist, $3,380; German Methodist, $1,100; Holiness, $900.

Slot machines may run in Petaluma as far as the City Trustees have to do with the matter. At a recent meeting the Trustees rescinded all ordinances licensing the machines and rescinded also the order to the marshal to enforce the law against the machines. The Trustees have washed their hands of the matter and the machines will run, provided no one prosecutes the operators under the State laws.

Mrs. J. B. Crawford expired suddenly at her home in Petaluma Christmas morning. She retired in good health Monday night and arose as usual Tuesday morning. She was sitting in a chair in front of a mirror, dressing her hair, when she suddenly uttered an exclamation and leaned back, stating that she had a terrible headache. In a few moments she peacefully passed away, death being due to heart complications.

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SCHELLVILLE.

Peter Hein visited Sonoma on Christmas day.

Joe Guilfoyle was a visitor at this place Sunday.

Joe Donahue was up from the metropolis last Sunday.

W. McReynolds is the champion nine pin roller at this place.

Mrs. M. Infield and son visited Vallejo several days this week.

J. Bowlmyer and son spent Sunday with their friend Ed. Gombert.

Miss Lizzie Harper went to the city on a holiday shopping trip Saturday.

Mrs. Stevens and Miss Katie Stevens spent one day last week in San Francisco.

Hon. Robt. Howe and daughters spent Christmas with San Francisco relatives.

Ninety canvasback were killed on the Alameda Gun Club's preserve Sunday.

Fred. Spaulding and Wm. Church spent Sunday last hunting in the marshes.

Theo. Kiser, who has bought a fine greyhound, will enter him at Vallejo Sunday.

Walter Lord will enter his greyhounds at the Vallejo Coursing Park next Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. Merriam returned from a brief visit to the metropolis last Saturday evening.

There will be Episcopal services in the San Luis school house on Sunday, January 6th, conducted bt Rev. W. L. Clark.

Malcolm Elliott is up from the Stanford University and looks gorgeous in his red "rooter" hat. He is a guest at Locust Grove.

Miss Belle Landsborough chaperoned a number of children from the Locust Grove School to San Francisco for the holidays last Saturday.

Robt. Donahue has returned from Seattle and will spend the holidays with relatives here. Mr. Donahue has a fine position on the Umatilla.

Mr. Walker, a member of the Rod and Gun Club landed a six pound salmon Sunday. Mr. Walker made the first catch of the season at this place.

Miss Zarifa Howe, who is now a teacher in the California Home, represented that institution at the State Teachers' Convention in session this week in San Francisco.

Fred. D. Spaulding and James and Billy Church killed twenty-seven canvasback last Sunday in Hudeman's bay, a small inlet near the shores of San Pablo bay.

The schooner "Four Sisters," after a rest of several weeks, made a trip to San Francisco Wednesday morning with a cargo of wine consigned to San Francisco parties.

Mrs. J. P. Hauto has returned home after a sojourn of several weeks in the German Hospital where she underwent a very delicate surgical operation. She is now out of danger and is rapidly recovering from the effects of the operation.

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Do not think for a single moment that consumption will ever strike you a sudden blow. It does not come that way.

It creeps its way along.

First you think it is a little cold, nothing but a little hacking cough; then a little loss in weight; then a harder cough; then the fever and the night sweats.

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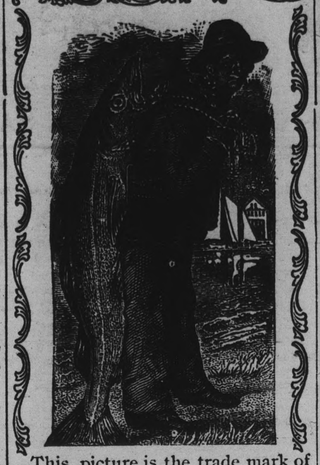

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SUPERIOR COURT NOTES

In Judge Dougherty's department of the Superior Court on Monday Victor Piezzi was appointed executor of the will of the late J. B. Vallegia, whose will was admitted to probate. No bonds were required.

The final account was settled and distribution was ordered of the estate of Mary A. Stademan.

The annual account was settled of the estate of Frank McElarney.

An order was made assigning the estate of L. I. Banks to the widow.

E. G. Furber was appointed administrator on the estate of Mary J. Furber in a bond of $2,000.

A sale of personal property in the estate of W. P. Hinshaw was confirmed, including a stallion and colt for $900.

A return of sale of real estate was confirmed in the estate of Jas. Aitken.

These probate matters were continued: Estate of P. Stapleton to January 7th; estate of Marcia P. Clark, Nancy F. Williams and Gustaf de Bruyne, all to December 31st.

The action of Bonnard vs. Bonnard was reset for January 17th.

The people were allowed five days to amend the complaint in the action of the State ex rel, by E. P. Colgan, vs. the County of Sonoma.

The default of defendant was entered and judgment for plaintiff for $351 34 and $50 attorney's fees in the action of Schlotterbach vs. Hendrix. Ira Jenks was appointed commissioner in a bond of $800.

In the action of Larriman vs. Axford, the demurrer was overruled and five days were given to amend.

The motion to strike out was continued to December 31st, in the action of the Charles W. Pike Company against Hunt Bros. Fruit Packing Co.

In Judge Burnett's court on Monday the trial of the action of Marie Bonnard vs. G. S. Waugh was continued. It will be submitted on briefs 10 10 and 5 days and then stand submitted without further order.

The motion for the new trial of the action of McGarrigle against the Roman Catholic Orphan asylum was denied.

Judge Burnett granted the petition of Henry and Meta Dittman to adopt Eugenie Reeder, also known as Eugenie Williams.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

To Sportsmen

For Sale—Almost new house and two-acre lot, barn, etc., located in Embarcadero, for sale for $1100. This is a fine piece of property for the headquarters of a sporting club or a public resort. For further particulars inquire of H. H. Granice, Sonoma.

THE YULETIDE LOG.

A RELIC OF THE FIRE WORSHIPERS.

ABOUT the only Christmas practice which these easterners seem to have in common with the peasants of western Europe and England is the cutting and burning of the Yule log, says the Chicago Tribune. They carry the thing much further, however, even today, than the Saxons, the famous lovers of good Christmas cheer, ever did. In the Black mountain there is a "great log for Christmas," and there are smaller logs for each member of the family.

The Yule log idea is traced to the fire worshipers. The wood must be cut before sunrise Christmas morning. The head of the house, followed by his family, goes to some standing stump and cuts it down. He then takes off his cap to the log, turns toward the east, crosses himself and offers up a prayer, "Give to me and to Christmas abundantly, O God."

If a log falls the wrong way, another must be cut, unless the family wishes to be unlucky for a year. Smaller logs are then cut for the members of the family. The wood is drawn to the house and leaned against the wall, with the cut ends uppermost. If one by mistake is reversed, the whole thing must be done over again or else misfortune will come.

When the fire is lighted, there is great joy in the household, but no one on any account must speak of witches after the great log is put on the fireplace, for they are supposed to be flying around on Christmas night as "plentiful as sparks."

There is a legend, and in fact a belief, in the Black mountain, of which research shows no trace elsewhere. Every fireplace has hanging in it, directly over the blaze, a great kettle chain. When a fire is started, it takes but a few moments for this chain to become highly heated. On Christmas night, however, no matter how briskly burn the great logs, the iron chain remains cool and pleasant to the touch. There is no Montenegro peasant but will tell you that this is a fact, and he knows it to be so, for he has made a test of it on many succeeding Christmas nights. The coolness of the chain is accounted for by the statement that a similar chain hung over the fire built on the floor of the stable in Bethlehem, and that at the birth of Christ the Virgin Mother grasped it for support. It became cool at her touch lest it burn the saintly hand, and from that day to this there is no fire hot enough to heat the fireplace chain on Christmas.

The fire is lighted by means of kindling, bits of which are placed under the log by each member of the family.

The Mexican Passion Play.

Long before the holy night the Mexican prepares for his Christmas season. First come the rehearsals for the "Pastores," sometimes called "The Mexican Passion Play." The "Pastores" follow, night after night, passing into the climax of the solemn midnight mass of the cathedral. The "Posadas" next claims the attention of the people—a home observance akin to the Christmas tree of the German people. And then comes the week of worldly enjoyment, the revelry in the saloons, the uneven contests over the gaming tables, and the brutal sports day and night in the bloody little arenas where valiant gamecocks are pitted against one another with gaffs and slashes.

Christmas Decorations.

Poets mention rosemary, bay, holly, laurel and mistletoe as the principal aids to Christmas decorations. Where there is a great deal of family plate and plenty of opportunity for the display of the same the high decoration can be entirely dispensed with. In its place arrange some daintily made garlands of moss in a well designed pattern on the cloth, tie it wherever it is necessary with a crimson bow of fairly wide ribbon and place various pieces of plate in the loops of the design. Anything fanciful in the way of dainty glass, Venetian or Bohemian, is welcome on such occasions, provided that its colors do not clash with the prevailing shade, and those who are fortunate enough to possess old china will no doubt be able to produce some fine specimens of dishes suitable for dessert.

J. J. Dunbar,

PLUMBER & TINSMITH.

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Having bought out the good will and Interest in the Tinning and Plumbing business of J. G. Ma cy, he agreeing not to carry on a like business as l ng as I am in that line of business in Sonoma, I thank the public for their patronage in the past and would solicit their trade in the future.

I am prepared to do all kinds of jobbing in Tinning, Plumbing and Pump Work. Agent for the Steel Star Windmill. Tinware made to order. A good assortment of Stoves, and Tinware always on hand. Sewer Pipe, Water Pipe and Chimney Pipe kept in stock. Prices reasonable.

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WANTED—ACTIVE MAN OF GOOD character to deliver and collect in California for old established manufacturing wholesale house. $900 a year, sure pay. Honesty more than experience required. Our reference, any bank in any city. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Manufacturers, Third Floor, 334 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

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And with them the X-mas joy, and in making your Christmas presents remember that the most

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of Holiday Goods is now on display on our counters. It will be to your interest to inspect them before buying.

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The Best Prescription Is Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

The Formula Is Plainly Printed on Every Bottle, So That the People May Know Just What They Are Taking.

Imitators do not advertise their formula knowing that you would not buy their medicine if you knew what it contained. Grove's contains Iron and Quinine put up in correct proportions and is in a Tasteless form. The Iron acts as a tonic while the Quinine drives the malaria out of the system. Any reliable druggist will tell you that Grove's is the Original and that all other so-called "Tasteless" chill tonics are imitations. An analysis of other chill tonics shows that Grove's is superior to all others in every respect. You are not experimenting when you take Grove's—its superiority and excellence having long been established. Grove's is the only Chill Cure sold throughout the entire malarial sections of the United States. No Cure, No Pay. Price, 50c.

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SONOMA, DECEMBER 29, 1900.

CITY OFFIGIAL PAPER.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. T. Girard of Petaluma was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shoults spent Christmas with Napa relatives.

Miss Florence Linehan visited her Sonoma home the past week.

Miss Claire Hope has been visiting her sister Mrs. Woodworth at Stony Point.

H. F. Smith of Husler & Smith, cigar dealers of Petaluma, was in town Thursday.

C. L. Wainwright returned Thursday from Santa Rosa where he had been on business.

Tom Ellis, after an absence of several years, was in town this week giving his friends the glad hand-shake.

Miss Nelle Hart, after spending several months visiting the McGill family, returned to her home in Oakland Saturday.

R. Cantoni, who has been ailing for a long time, was taken to Dr. Hennessey's sanitarium, Napa, for treatment last Thursday.

Mrs. Frank L. Donahoo and daughter Miss Ilma of San Jose are visiting the family of C. L. Wainwright at "Mira Monte."

Supervisor Blair Hart was in town several days this week making arrangements to assume the duties of office on January 1st.

Paul Sims, brother of J. C. and R. M. Sims, spent the holidays at Santa Rosa. Master Paul is a student at the Locust Grove School.

Mr. and Mrs. August Malstead, after spending the past week with Sonoma relatives, returned to their home in San Francisco Sunday afternoon.

The dredger Nevada, which has been at work the past seven or eight months strengthening the levees on the Senator Jones' ranch, has been laid up for the winter.

Frido Clewe, who was expected home from the University of California last Saturday for the holidays, was taken suddenly ill and was unable to make the journey. He was able to make the trip Wednesday, however, and is now improving at the home of his parents.

STOPS THE COUGH AND WORKS OFF THE COLD.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, no Pay. Price 25 cents.

BREVITIES.

Subscribe for the INDEX TRIBUNE

Almond trees are in bloom in this place.

Daily Chronicle and Index-Tribune $8.25 per year.

Daily Examiner and Index-Tribune, $8.80 per year.

John and Jep Valente were up from the metropolis on Christmas day.

Mrs. T. Nicholson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. Brittain of Crockett.

Maxwell's Orchestra will play at the Congregational Church a week from Sunday evening.

John Batto & Son of Vineburg shipped four carloads of hay to San Francisco last week by the California Northwestern railway.

The Sunday School children of the Congregational Church will have a Christmas tree in the lecture room of the church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Dairymen attention — Send me $2 in stamps or currency and I will tell you how to keep butter fresh. Guaranteed. Address box 744, Denison, Iowa. *

Help Wanted—Salesmen to sell $20 typewriter. Will do equally as good work as any $100 machine. Good pay to hustlers. 710 New York Life Bld'g, Chicago. *

Owing to the rapid increase of business J. P. Weems has put on two delivery wagons. Weems' Cash Store is selling tons of coal and settles up every month with every body. *

Now that the cold weather is with us and Christmas is near one of the most acceptable gifts to give your good wife or sweetheart would be a nice buggy robe. The finest line of robes, woolen and plush, are to be seen at Chas. H. Wilsons, Petaluma. Prices the lowest and quality guaranteed. *

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by F. Duhring. *

DEATH OF A PIONEER RESIDENT.

Ed. Wegner Succumbs to the Inevitable After a Protracted Illness.

Ed. Wegner, for many years a prominent business man of this place, died at his residence at 4:15 o'clock Monday morning. Deceased had been in failing health for a number of years, but managed to keep up and around until a few months ago when he was compelled to sell out his drug store and retire from the active pursuits of life. He took up his abode on his mountain ranch three miles northeast of town last Fall. On Friday morning, seeing that the end was near, he requested to be brought to his home in this place. He arrived in a helpless condition and continued to grow weaker and finally passed peacefully and calmly away. Deceased's remains were shipped to San Francisco, where they were cremated.

Mr. Wegner enjoyed the confidence of all his business associates, as he was a man of the strictest business integrity, although very eccentric at times. He was born in Berlin, Germany, November 30, 1837. He was reared in the city of his birth, receiving an excellent education in the schools of his native place. At 17 he was apprenticed to the trades of a master mason, carpenter and architect. At 20 years of age, having mastered the above trades, he entered the scientific school of Berlin to study chemistry. When he was 23 he proceeded to South America, finally locating at Valparaiso, Chile, where he remained three years, most of the time being employed in a drug store in the capacity of clerk. From there he drifted to Eastern Siberia, where he was employed as an architect and builder. From there he went to Hong Kong, China, where he was employed in a large commission house. In 1867, tiring of the Orient, he came to California and shortly after located in Sonoma, establishing himself in the drug business, to which general merchandising was added later on.

Mr. Wegner held several terms as City Trustee of Sonoma and was an honest and conscientious public official. He leaves a widow and three daughters in very comfortable circumstances.

SENATOR ENOS' REMAINS.

Supreme Court Decides One Cannot Dispose of His Remains by Will.

The celebrated law suit over the remains of the late Senator Enos, after being before the courts for two years, has at last came to an end. The suit was brought by Mrs. Susie T. Enos, widow of Senator Enos, to recover possession of her husband's remains, which he had disposed of by will, and was eventually taken to the Supreme Court on appeal from Judge Burnett's department of the Superior Court of this county. Judge Burnett decided in favor of Mrs. Enos and last Saturday the higher judicial tribunal affirmed his decision on the grounds that one cannot dispose of his remains by will—that a body belongs to the next of kin.

Pending the decision the Senator's remains have reposed in a metallic casket which was deposited in the public receiving vault in Mountain Cemetery in this place.

Copy of Marriage Contract.

In the office of County Recorder Fred. L. Wright on Wednesday a certified copy of a marriage contract made in Clarke county, Iowa, on September 15, 1892, between Isaac Sharp and Susan Jenkins was filed.

By the terms of the contract the couple agree to assume the relations of man and wife and agree as to the distribution of property.

The copy of the contract which was filed on Wednesday was certified to by the Clerk of the District Court at Fairfield, Iowa, on December 21, 1900.—*Press-Democrat.*

High School Notes.

The first quarterly meeting of the Sonoma High School will be held next Saturday. A new teacher will be selected to take the place of Miss M. McCullough, who has resigned the Vice Principalship of the school. The time for the reopening of the school, which has been closed for the holidays, will also be set.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

A Card from City Clerk Small.

ED. INDEX-TRIBUNE: As there seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to your proposition to the Board of City Trustees for printing the Revised Ordinances in book form, I take this method of enlightening the public on the all absorbing topic. On December 5th, two weeks after the meeting of November 21st (the meeting when the Revised Ordinances were passed to print), I inquired of Mr. Duhring, President of the Board of City Trustees, if he had delivered the ordinances to Mr. Granice. He informed me that Mr. Granice had seen the ordinances and was going to make a proposition to the Board to print them in book form at the same time that he printed them in his newspaper.

I suggested to Mr. Duhring that if Mr. Granice had a proposition of that kind to make that in order to get it before the Board in proper shape that he better put it in writing. Mr. Duhring agreed with me, and told me to inform Mr. Granice accordingly, *which I immediately did.* This is the whole history of the case.

JOE B. SMALL, City Clerk.

Runaway and Smash Up.

On Friday evening of last week, while Capt. Boyes was about to start to town from Agua Rica in his go-cart, the horse became frightened and ran away. The cart collided with a large boulder and the impact sent the Captain flying in the air and demolished the vehicle. Fortunately Captain Boyes escaped with slight bruises.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by F. Duhring. *

Your Face

Shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. Impure blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexfon, Pimples and Skin Eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a healthy appearance, you should try Acker's Blood Elixir. It cures all blood diseases where cheap Sarsaparillas and so-called purifiers fail; knowing this, we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. For sale by R. G. Shoults, Druggist, Sonoma.

Married in Manila.

Miss Inez McTaggart, daughter Dr. F. M. McTaggart, formerly of this place but who is now practicing medicine in Grass Valley, Nevada county, was married in Manila on November 12th to Mr. Jerome Clark, a young man employed in the pay department of the United States. The bride left for Manila on the transport Grant several months ago and this is the sequel to her long journey.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

El Verano Squibs

Personal Notes and Social Happenings.

Supervisor-elect Hart was out this way Friday.

U No wishes all his readers a Happy New Year.

F. A. Riser boarded the south-bound S. P. train Thursday afternoon.

Supervisor Putnam was looking after the roads in this vicinity last Thursday.

We learn that J. A. Latorres has secured a lucrative position in the Bay City.

J. M. Shannon of the Exchange Saloon transacted business in the Bay City Monday.

Mrs. C. F. Carmer and daughter, Miss Gracie Carmer, drove over to Petaluma Thursday.

Mrs. Dr. A. D. Howe of Oakland, who lately bought the Olsen place, was visiting here Christmas.

Rumor has it that Frank Ferroggiaro of this place is engaged to marry a charming young widow.

Emile Lounibos, manager of the Bellevue Hotel, spent several days in the metropolis this week.

Leonard Baines boarded the south-bound C. N. W. train Sunday afternoon sporting a 10-cent cigar.

L. L. Lewis came down from Sacramento Tuesday and spent Christmas on his farm west of town.

Professor C. T. Wilkinson and wife came up from Berkeley Saturday and are spending a few days at their country home near this place.

Willie Mullen is on his way to San Francisco where he has secured employment in the Union Iron Works.

Ed. Slattery is contemplating a trip to Panama with his brother, who is chief engineer on the steamer Roanoke.

The opera house has closed its doors for a few weeks, the manager having gone to San Juan to engage a new troupe of artists.

M. Shannon, brother of J. M. Shannon, came up from San Francisco this (Saturday) morning and is visiting his many friends in this place.

Walter Murphy was the guest of Emile Lounibos at the Bellevue Hotel on Christmas, and was given the honor of carving the twenty-two-pound turkey which was set before the guests.

J. E. Kearney spent Christmas at his home in this place but took the evening train to the county seat to resume his duties as a juror in the great water suit now on trial in the Superior Court of this county.

According to rumor this town will be almost deserted after the New Year. Many of the young bloods are going to leave us next week, among them being Willie Chance, J. A. Latorres, Hugh Chance, Ed. Slattery and Leonard Baines.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Kellogg, residing on the Storm place, entertained a number of friends one day this week at a dinner. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Warriner, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Kellogg, E. M. Kellogg and Alfred E. Warriner Jr.

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El Verano, Dec. 29th, 1900.

OLD BOREAS.

Swoops Down on this Valley and Gives Us a Most Welcome Blow.

Old Boreas, the real ancient chap from the north, swooped down on the Sonoma Valley early Thursday morning and in his "mad cap galloping race" done a world of good from a sanitary point of view—purifying the atmosphere and removing every vestige of dampness in doors and out doors. For months a long-suffering community has had a surfeit of cold, foggy and rainy weather. This has been prolific of much sickness and has kept the doctors on the jump all winter. The norther, which made its appearance early Thursday morning, dispelled the drizzly fog, which has hung like a pall over the valley every morning for weeks and removed every vestige of dampness in an amazingly short space of time. It is seldom that a farming community welcomes these fierce northers, as they have a tendency to burn up the young grain and wild pasturage grasses. There is so much moisture in the ground, however, and as these blows never lasts more than three days in Sonoma county, no fears are anticipated on that score, and any da age that may result to the farmer from that cause will be more than offset by the over-moist land being put in excellent condition for plowing.

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NEW ROAD OVERSEERS.

Supervisor-Elect Blair Hart Makes His Appointments.

Supervisor-elect Blair Hart has announced the following appointments of Road Overseers in Sonoma Township:

Agua Caliente Road District—A. W. Weaver of El Verano.

Glen Ellen—Jas. A. Cowan.

San Luis—E. H. Johannsen.

The present Road Overseers, Messrs. Harry Weise, B. F. Campbell and C. F. Carmer will retire January 1st and the new appointees will take their places.

The outgoing Road Overseers have made a good record as road-builders and Sonoma Valley to-day has the finest roads in the county.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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G. H. HOTZ.

Holiday Goods.

ARE HERE IN GREAT QUANTITIES.

Toilet Cases, new styles	$1 25 to $10 00
Manicure Sets in fine cases	50 to 3 00
Shaving Sets in fancy cases	1 50 to 4 50
Work Boxes with fittings	50 to 2 00
Cuff and Collar Boxes	75 to 2 50
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes	75 to 2 50
Autograph Albums	5 to 75
Photograph Albums	50 to 6 00
Blocks, Books and Games	5 to 75
Mens' and Ladies' Ties	5 to 75
Woolen Gloves, all styles, per pair	25 to 50
Kid Gloves, Gents' or Ladies, per pair	1 00 to 1 50
Mens' and Ladies' Underwear	25 to 1 50
Boys and Girls' Caps, new styles	25 to 50
Handkerchiefs, all styles	2 to 50
Mufflers and Reefers, all styles	50 to 2 00
Jackets, Ladies' and Childrens'	2 50 to 10 00
Furs, all styles	2 50 to 15 00
Umbrellas, Ladies', Gents or Childrens'	45 to 4 50
Mackintoshes, Ladies, Misses, Boys' and Gents	1 90 to 6 00

If anything you Need for Gifts Look Here.

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SOCIETY GOSSIP.

R. Porterfield of Napa was in town Saturday.

Frank Weyl was down from Healdsburg on Christmas day.

Mrs. Lulu de Emparan visited San Francisco several days last week.

Mrs. Carl Foerstler is reported to be lying quite ill at her home in Windsor.

Paul Nauman of San Francisco was the guest of his sister Mrs. Robt. Poppe on Christmas.

Wm. Linehan came up from San Francisco and spent Christmas with his parents in this place.

Mrs. Jeff Gage and little daughter of Santa Rosa were the guests of Mrs. Bates and family Thursday.

A. F. Pauli, an attache of the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, was in town Sunday visting his family.

J. B. Morris and family of Agua Caliente spent Christmas in Petaluma with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Madison.

Capt. John Landy came up from the San Joaquin Monday and spent Christmas with his mother and sister in this place.

Paul Perasso visited San Francisco last Saturday.

W. O. Hocker, principal of the Sonoma Grammar School, visited Santa Rosa last Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Munfrey and her brother Will Dunn came up from the metropolis Saturday evening.

Miss Nonie Hooper and Master George Hooper of San Francisco are here spending the holidays with the Harris'.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Engler entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McElroy and family on Christmas day. The neighborly reunion was a most enjoyable one for the participants.

A. Astill, lessee of the Sonoma Electric Light plant, left last Friday for San Jose and Sacramento, where he spent several days visiting relatives. He returned from his visit Wednesday evening.

Druggist Shoults has issued an artistic little calendar for 1901, which he is presenting to his patrons. We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of one of the calendars, which bears the motto: "A pleased customer our best advertisement."

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SONOMA, SATURDAY, DEC. 29, 1900.

NEW YEAR DIVINING.

CURIOUS CUSTOMS CONCERNING MATRIMONY.

Tests of the Young Folks In Various Countries to Determine How Soon They Would Wed—The Suspended Ring—The Tea Test.

ON THE principle of beginning the year well it has been customary in many countries to select New Year's day as most auspicious for matrimony, and indeed a remnant of this custom is found among ourselves, for no day is more highly favored in this regard than the 1st of January, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In some countries the weddings of the year are all arranged with a view to their celebration on Jan. 1, and by a curious contradiction, in Siam and some mountain districts in India, the year's funerals are also celebrated on the first day of the succeeding year. Temporary interments take place a day or two after death, but on the first day of the following January the remains of those who died during the year are borne to their last resting place, the funeral feasts are celebrated at the same time with the weddings, and in the most literal manner the funeral baked meats do coldly furnish forth the marriage tables.

Advantage is taken of the day by the unmarried to ascertain how many years will elapse ere the bonds of matrimony are fixed upon them. The French peasant girl borrows her mother's wedding ring and suspends it by a hair from her own head, holding it as near as possible to the inner rim of a teacup. Then she counts, as rapidly as may be, the number of her own years. The tremulousness of her fingers causes the suspended ring to sway to and fro. Another notes while she is counting the number of taps of the ring on the teacup, and these betoken the years of single blessedness that lie before her.

In the country districts of Germany and England there is a tea and coffee test, which has the merit of limiting the years to a number so reasonable that any girl should feel satisfied with the result. As conducted according to Gunter, this test is as follows: A teaspoon is carefully balanced on the edge of a cup; then another spoon is partly filled with tea or coffee, which, drop by drop, is allowed to fall in the bowl of the balanced spoon, until the bowl outweighs the handle and the spoon falls into the cup. The merit of this divination lies in the fact that one or two good sized drops will destroy the balance and cause the spoon to fall, and, on this account, spoon divination is in high favor among the rural belles.

The custom of visiting and of sending presents and cards on New Year's day is so ancient that the historian of social customs does not record a time when in some form it did not exist.

COUNTING THE TAPS.

The practice of using visiting cards has been known among the Chinese for thousands of years. The Chinese New Year's card is a curiosity to the occidental, for its mystic characters set forth not only the name, but all the titles, of the owner, and, as every Chinaman who is anybody at all has a dozen or two, the card assumes the form and something of the dimensions of a wall map. When sent to an acquaintance, however, this valuable token, made either of fine paper backed with cloth, or of silk, is not retained, but is returned by special messenger, and the day after New Year's the spectacle of crowds of servants, their arms full of rolls of paper or cloth, hurrying to and fro in the streets, is too common to excite remark. They are not on their way to a school of geography. They are only returning New Year's cards.

Whole volumes have been filled with the novelties of New Year's customs and the usages which in different parts of the world characterize the day. In Persia colored eggs are sent as presents, as with us at Easter. Throughout all Europe the wassail cup, in one form or another, is a feature of the day. In old times one cup of gigantic size served the entire company, and when a man rose and took the huge vessel in both hands to drink to the guests a trusted friend rose with him and with drawn sword stood by his side lest he should be traitorously stabbed in the breast while drinking. In France the New Year's day corresponds pretty closely in its social observance to our Christmas. In Russia at every country house there are procession and feast in honor of the day, horses, cows, sheep and hogs being gayly dressed with garlands and led to the landlord's house. An essential part of the programme is that the animals shall be taken into the dining room but when the landlord does not care to have a nice apartment spoiled by this human and beastly procession he fits up a large room on the ground floor with tables and benches.

Much to Learn In the New Year.

All beginnings are important and significant, but the true eras are not in the calendar, but in the heart. The new year's beginning—the real new year of grace and obedience, with their resulting gift of peace—is not an arbitrary period, but the hour of inward choice, when the will of man gives up the helm into the hand of Christ. In that new year there must be much to learn and suffer, but there shall be more to win and to enjoy.

The New Year.

A royal welcome, baby year,
The first of the century new,
Yet for the old we drop a tear,
E'en while we are welcoming you,
In memory dear of the dead old year
Who left us a friendship or two.

Our hopes are with thee, young one,
Such hopes as have weathered the blast,
Of fame this year or fortune won,
Withheld from us waiting the last,
Some great task done, last year begun
Or planned in our dreams of the past.

Fair child, there's one at least who prays
That thou mayst bring less sorrow,
Bring fewer long and weary days
And more like the blessed tomorrow,
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2.45 PM	3.37 PM		7.15 PM	7.20 PM
10.30 AM	10.25 AM	Glen Ellen and intermediates	6.40 AM	6.18 AM
7.20 PM	7.15 PM		3.37 PM	2.45 PM
6.18 AM	6.40 AM	Novato Petaluma Santa Rosa and intermediates	10.25 AM	10.30 AM
2.45 PM	3.37 PM		7.15 PM	7.20 PM
6.18 AM 2.45 PM	6.40 AM	Cloverdale Healdsburg Lytton and intermediates	7.15 PM	10.30 AM 7.20 PM
6.18 AM	6.40 AM	Ukiah and intermediates	7.15 PM	7.20 PM
6.18 AM	6.40 AM	Sebastopol and intermediates	10.25 AM	10.37 AM
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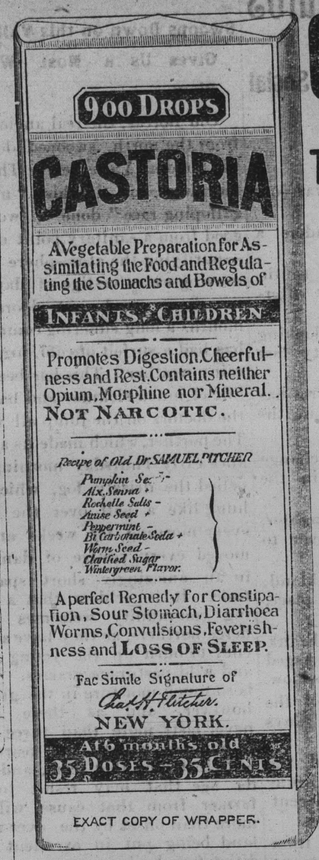
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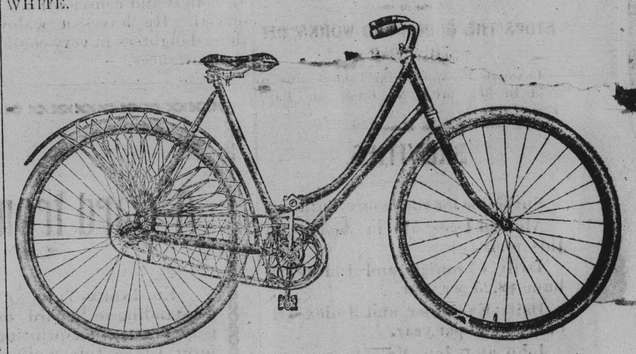

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